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SUBJECT: (C) PAKISTANI VIEWS ON RESISTANCE WILL

1. (C) ENTIRE TEXT.

2. THERE IS A GROWING FEELING AMONG INFORMED GOP OFFICIALS
THAT THE CONTINUING WAR OF ATTRITION IN AFGHANISTAN IS BE-
GINNING TO WEAR THE RESISTANCE GROUPS DOWN. SUCH A CONCLU-
SION, IF PREVALENT AT DECISION-MAKING LEVELS WOULD HAVE
IMPORTANT REPERCUSSIONS ON PAKISTANI'S WILLINGNESS TO CON-
TINUE A FIRM LINE ON THE SOVIET INVASION OF AFGHANISTAN.

3. IN A RECENT MEETING WITH THE AMBASSADOR, FONSEC PIRACHA
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EXPRESSED IN PASSING HIS CONCERN THAT THE MOUNTING DEATH

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AND DESTRUCTION IN AFGHANISTAN WOULD AFFECT THE MORALE, STAMINA, AND STAYING CAPACITY OF THE MUJAHIDEEN. SIMILARLY, IN AN AUGUST 25 DISCUSSION WITH OUR ACTING PRINCIPAL OFFICER IN PESHAWAR AND VISITING EMBOFF, PESHAWAR COMMISSIONER JAMSHED BURKI SUGGESTED THAT THE NEXT YEAR WOULD BE CRUCIAL IN TERMS OF THE WILL OF THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS TO CONTINUE RESISTING.

4. BURKI FURTHER OPINED THAT IT IS "ONLY HUMAN NATURE" FOR PEOPLE TO LOSE HEART WHEN THEY SEE THAT THEIR EFFORTS ARE NOT ACCOMPLISHING THE OBJECTIVES. HE THOUGHT THAT THE DEGREE OF SOVIET AGGRESSIVENESS IN AFGHANISTAN AS WELL AS MUJAHIDEEN SUCCESS IN ATTRACTING OUTSIDE SUPPORT WOULD BE THE DETERMINING FACTORS.

5. THERE ARE SIGNS, TOO, THAT AT LEAST SOME OF THE AFGHAN REFUGEES ARE BEGINNING TO REALIZE THEY WILL BE IN PAKISTAN FOR A LONG TIME TO COME. MOST OF THE TEN THOUSAND PLUS REFUGEES ENCAMPED AT AZA KHEL, ALONG THE GRAND TRUNK ROAD FROM PESHAWAR TO PINDI, HAVE CONSTRUCTED MUD HOUSES TO REPLACE THE TENTS THAT PREVAILED ONLY THREE OR FOUR MONTHS AGO. AT THE MAKESHIFT SCHOOL WHICH THE TRIBAL ELDERS HAVE SET UP TO TEACH PASHTU, PERSIAN, AND ARABIC, PLANS ARE NOW BEING MADE TO ADD INSTRUCTION (AT LEAST TO THE BOYS OF THE CAMP) IN URDU.

6. WE WILL BE TAKING A CLOSER LOOK AT THESE DEVELOPMENTS IN FUTURE REPORTING. A GROWING CONCLUSION THAT THE SOVIETS ARE, IN FACT MOVING TOWARD A FAIT ACCOMPLI IN AFGHANISTAN, COUPLED WITH AN ASSESSMENT THAT THE RESISTANCE GROUPS WILL LOSE THEIR WILL TO FIGHT, COULD WEAKEN PAKISTANI RESOLVE TO STAND UP TO THE SOVIETS ON AFGHANISTAN.

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IT COULD ALSO BOLSTER ARGUMENTS SOMETIMES HEARD THAT PAKISTAN SHOULD MOVE TOWARD A REGIONAL ACCOMMODATION WITH MOSCOW. INDICATIONS THAT THE REFUGEES ARE SETTLING IN FOR THE LONG-TERM WILL ALSO STIMULATE GOP EFFORTS TO FIND A SOLUTION WHICH WOULD AT LEAST CREATE THE POSSIBILITY OF THEIR QUICKER RETURN TO AFGHANISTAN.

7. ON THE OTHER HAND, THESE PAKISTANIS WITH WHOM WE HAVE TALKED MAY BE SEEING THE AFGHAN CONFLICT THROUGH PECULIARLY PAKISTANI EYES. WHETHER THE AFGHAN PEOPLE THEMSELVES

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REALLY ARE LOSING HEART OR WHETHER CONTINUING BOMBARDMENT AND KILLINGS ONLY FUEL THEIR DESIRE FOR REVENGE ALL THE MORE REMAINS TO BE SEEN, AS DOES THE COURSE OF ACTION WHICH THE SOVIETS WILL PURSUE WITHIN AFGHANISTAN. WE ARE WELL AWARE THAT MANY AFGHAN EXPERTS INSIST THAT THE AFGHAN PEOPLE WILL CONTINUE THEIR STRUGGLE TO THE DEATH AND ARE NOT PREPARED AS YET TO AGREE WITH THE PAKISTANI ANALYSIS DESCRIBED ABOVE. HUMMEL

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